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HOT TAKE

As mercury rises and gig workers demand protections against extreme heat, experts say issue needs attention in B'luru

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RCB REIGN

Bengaluru wrap up match in 6.3 overs after its pacers unleash carnage of the highest order to crush Delhi

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Rescue and rehabilitation centres in city say applications from young individuals wanting to volunteer as wildlife rescuers and rehabilitators are skyrocketing as Gen Z firm on pursuing passions rather than just monetary gains

YOUNG FOLKS TO THE RESCUE

Increased awareness, conversations around animal welfare driving the change

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It is impact over income for many Gen Zs in Bengaluru. Armed with hooks, pipes, cardboard boxes, telescopic poles, safety gloves, boots, and ladders, these young individuals, with diverse educational backgrounds, are on a mission - to help and rescue the voiceless.

Emmanuel Antony, a 23-year-old mathematics graduate, is a full-time wildlife rescuer with a city-based animal rescue centre. The youngster says that while hectic, the job is rewarding, and every rescue makes him feel like a hero.

Antony recounted a recent rescue operation in Hoskote. Although it was challenging, it ended with a gratifying feeling.

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"A deer had fallen inside a dry well, and the rescue was tricky due to the large crowd that had gathered around the well. We had to control the crowd while we pulled the deer out. However, releasing wildlife back into the wild after rescue makes all the hard work worthwhile —Emmanuel Antony, 23-year-old wildlife rescuer

AI way or the highway

₹50-crore smart surveillance project to keep eye on 60 black spots in Phase 3

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In a major push to curb rising road accidents on state and national highways, the Karnataka Transport Department has initiated the third phase of its smart surveillance project, planning to install artificial intelligence (AI)-based cameras at 60 accident-prone locations across the state.

The project, estimated at ₹50 crore, is aimed at reducing fatalities and improving traffic enforcement at identified black spots. Tenders have already been invited, and installation work is expected to begin soon after finalisation.

A transport department official said, "The initiative builds on earlier phases, where AI cameras were installed at seven locations in Phase one and 20 locations in Phase two, primarily around Bengaluru and on highways connecting the city. However, in phase three, the focus will shift to highways in districts farther from Bengaluru, with around 10 districts being prioritised. The cameras will be deployed at critical accident-prone zones to monitor overspeeding, reckless driving and traffic violations in real time."

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THINGS TO DO

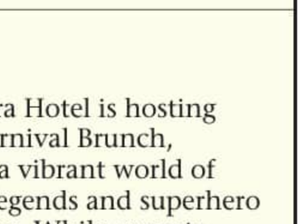
01 Immersive blend

Created by acclaimed director and composer Kevin Oliver and presented in support of the Kempegowda International Airport Foundation (KIAF), Odyssey of Love is a contemporary pop opera blending music, fashion and storytelling into a visually rich and immersive spectacle.
Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Shanthala Nagar;
When: May 7

02 Childhood moments

Magical World, an exhibition featuring a vibrant collection of artworks by Badrunissa Irfan, brings alive the magic of childhood and the warmth of simple moments through playful, hand-painted characters and scenes.
Where: Sublime Gallery, UB City;
When: May 1 to 30

03 Art, your way

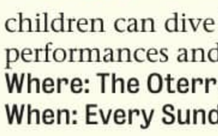


Atta Galatta is presenting a hands-on linocut printing workshop by The Lino Table. The beginner-friendly session invites participants to slow down, carve, ink and print their own artwork from scratch.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar;
When: May 2, 6 pm

04 Groove along

Rudraksha Live Entertainment Pvt Ltd presents Jazbaa, a concert featuring Vishal and Rekha Bhardwaj — a powerhouse duo in Indian music and cinema, known for their deeply moving collaborations and individual brilliance.
Where: Phoenix Marketcity;
When: May 30, 7 pm

05 Toon town



The Oterra Hotel is hosting a Kids Carnival Brunch, bringing a vibrant world of cartoon legends and superhero adventures. While parents enjoy a premium spread, children can dive into interactive games, live performances and more.
Where: The Oterra Hotel, 24@43, Electronic City;
When: Every Sunday until May 31

New species of fungi spotted in Bannerghatta

As part of statewide study of fungi, researchers from St Joseph's University discover new species, highlighting unexplored biodiversity in region and need to protect it

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Bannerghatta region is home to various species of fungi (File photo)

A group of city-based researchers has discovered a new species of fungi in the Bannerghatta area.

Researchers from St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council at St Joseph's University stumbled upon this species during their state-wide survey of fungi.

"This discovery is part of our Karnataka-wide study of fungi and is the first report of this species from urban Bengaluru, which highlights unexplored biodiversity in the region. This species is an important indicator of habitat quality and plays a crucial role in the food chain to maintain a healthy ecosystem," said Dr Praveen Kumar Nagadesi of Mycology and Plant Pathology Lab, St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC), St Joseph's University.

The discovery, according to researchers, indicates that even a big city such as Bengaluru can harbor unique biodiversity that requires protection.

"This discovery underlines the importance of assessing and documenting Bengaluru's biodiversity as the city is trailing in this aspect. While we are conducting a tree diversity assessment, other biodiversity has remained unexplored. A thorough documentation will provide us a chance to pinpoint biodiverse areas and protect them," added Dr Nagadesi.

The discovery also brings back the focus on Bengaluru's defunct Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC).

City's biodiversity is shrinking due to urbanisation, stressing urgent need to record losses and remaining ecological wealth while reviving BMC for broader conservation, says member of defunct Biodiversity Management Committee of Bengaluru

BMC is a mandatory requirement of the Biodiversity Act (BDA) 2002. According to the Act, a BMC must be constituted by every local self-governing institution in rural and urban areas. The committee should then create a People's Biodiversity Register (PBR), a repository of biodiversity and traditional knowledge of local biological resources. The idea is to ensure conservation and sustainable use of biological resources while securing equitable sharing of benefits that come from these resources.

While Bengaluru formed its first BMC in 2009 and also created a repository of traditional knowledge of local biological resources, the document has not been updated since then due to the defunct BMC.

According to the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), the agency responsible for constituting BMC, the process to re-establish the committee is yet to start.

"Under BBMP, the BMC was functional. However, given the new GBA regime, we are looking at constituting five biodiversity management committees, one at each city corporation limit. The process to formulate these committees is expected to start soon," said a GBA official.

Experts say a gap of 17 years to update the biodiversity repository of an urban area is long drawn out and will have an adverse impact on the area's biodiversity.

"Bengaluru is rich in biodiversity. However, there is no account of what we had, how much we have lost in the process of urbanisation, and what is remaining. The city is expanding, and we need to go beyond trees. BMC is an important body in an urban setting such as Bengaluru and must be revived at the earliest," said Vijay Nishant, a member of the defunct Biodiversity Management Committee of Bengaluru.

Silicon City College hosts annual festival

The annual college festival 'Parampara' was celebrated at Silicon City College (Autonomous), KR Puram, with the official release of the college's annual magazine Blossom. The launch was graced by Prof Dr Vijay Chandru, entrepreneur and academician, BH Anil Kumar, IAS (Retd), Deepti Kiran Maheshwari, MLA from Rajsamand, Rajasthan, Dr HM Chandrashekar, Chairman, HM Mukunda, Director, Dr M Prakash, Governing Council Member, along with other dignitaries and guests.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Vijay Chandru inspired students by highlighting innovations and opportunities in today's evolving era. BH Anil Kumar delivered a thought-provoking speech on the richness of Indian culture, while Deepti Kiran Maheshwari urged students to play an active role in society. **–BMB**

Permits now mandatory for commercial EVs

The Transport Department has made it mandatory for all electric vehicles (EVs) used for public and commercial purposes to obtain permits, while allowing them to do so without paying any fee. The move includes electric autos and other transport vehicles operating for hire, marking a shift from the earlier exemption which had been granted to battery-operated, methanol and ethanol-powered vehicles.

Officials said the exemption has been withdrawn under provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, citing the need for better regulation in the interest of law enforcement and public safety.

Authorities noted that while EVs were earlier allowed to operate freely, the absence of a regulatory framework created challenges in handling issues such as accidents, theft and compensation.

Bringing such vehicles under the permit system is expected to ensure accountability and streamline legal processes. **–BMB**

Entry errors lower students' scores

In a glaring error during mark entry, two students from Chitradurga and Chikkamagaluru districts were awarded significantly lower scores in the SSLC examination despite securing high marks. The discrepancy came to light after they obtained scanned copies of their answer sheets, revealing major differences between evaluated marks and recorded totals.

TL Nayana, a student of a government high school in Challakere taluk, had been awarded only 49 marks in Hindi. However, her answer sheet scan showed she had actually secured 79 out of 80.

The error reportedly occurred during the online entry of marks, resulting in a deduction of 30 marks.

Similarly, in Sringeri, Ramadatta Sharma, a private school student, had been given just 28 marks in English, but the scanned copy of his answer script showed he had scored 72 marks, indicating a discrepancy of 44 marks. **–BMB**

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TOPPERS AND DISTINCTION STUDENTS OF SECOND PUC - 2026

TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS : 434	TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS PASSED : 420	100 OUT OF 100 : 79
90% & MORE THAN 90% : 144	TOTAL NO. OF DISTINCTIONS : 245	400 OUT OF 400 : 01

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1st Topper

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Hearty Congratulations from Management, Principal and Staff

Big fix, bigger stink at Halasuru

₹100 crore lake revival impresses locals, yet polluted discharge via storm channels fuels concern over environmental damage and flawed urban planning

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Residents around Halasuru Lake welcomed the authorities' decision to undertake the lake's rejuvenation at an estimated cost of over 100 crore, as the water body is being restored after a gap of more than two decades. However, environmentalists and social activists have expressed concern about wastewater entering the sedimentation tank from one of the stormwater drains.

Although Bengaluru has not received rain in recent days, there is no shortage of dirty water in the stormwater drain. It is unclear how the drain is receiving such water, especially when the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has taken measures to ensure that all households and business establishments along the drain have proper sanitary connections.

"It is quite disturbing and shocking to see wastewater entering the sedimentation tank, which is currently under renovation. The authorities concerned should have ensured that no water, except rainwater, enters the lake. I also noticed the construction of a concrete wall encroaching on the footpath along the lake, opposite Sri Ganesh Temple. This will reduce the width of the footpath used by hundreds of pedestrians," said Brahmananda Reddy, a resident of Gupta Layout.

Waste water flowing from one of the storm water drains into sedimentation tank at Halasuru Lake

Environmentalists flag sewage intrusion into sedimentation tank, warn failure of network, question accountability, and caution expensive revival risks collapse without immediate coordinated intervention by agencies

An attempt was made to clean the sedimentation tank by the then Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in December 2019. Bangalore Mirror published a report titled "Ulsoor Lake getting ready to reveal its lost glory" on December 28, 2019, detailing how the BBMP had decided to undertake the cleaning of the six-acre sedimentation tank.

Meanwhile, social activists and environmentalists have urged the authorities to ensure that no dirty water, waste, or sewage enters either the sedimentation tank or the lake.

Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a lake conservationist, stated that despite years of work, the BWSSB has been unable to fix the sewage network even in Bengaluru's central business district. He added that sewage flowing from the stormwater drain into the sedimentation tank is deeply concerning. "Before the BBMP proceeds any further with the Ulsoor Lake rejuvenation, it must ensure absolutely zero sewage inflow into the lake. Without that foundational guarantee, all the crores spent on rejuvenation will be wasted, the lake will revert to its degraded state within two to three years," he said.

He further opined that if the BWSSB cannot get its act together in the heart of the city, there is little hope for lakes on Bengaluru's outskirts.

"Peripheral lakes will continue to choke on raw sewage indefinitely unless there is genuine accountability and coordinated action between the respective city corporations and the BWSSB," he added.

However, Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) Executive Engineer Javed said he would depute his subordinates to inspect the site. "Please send me photographs of water overflowing into the lake from the stormwater drain. I will look into the matter," he said.

Fest goes green, waste takes a backseat

Young organisers redefine campus festivities with innovative eco-friendly systems, blending planning, accountability and teamwork to create cleaner, smarter large-scale celebrations

Students from a Bengaluru college sustainability committee transformed their three-day annual cultural fest into a model of responsible event management by implementing a structured waste management system that enabled the segregation of nearly 480 kg of waste, while significantly reducing overall waste generation through reusable alternatives and strict monitoring.

The fest was designed with sustainability at its core, featuring large-scale waste segregation, refill water stations, reusable steel cutlery, and volunteer-led awareness campaigns to minimise environmental impact throughout the event.

The event at BMS College of Engineering generated approximately 480 kg of waste, which was segregated into multiple streams for recycling and disposal. This included 45 kg of wet (food) waste, 53 kg of biodegradable cups and plates, 180 kg of plastic waste, 30 kg of cardboard, 12 kg of tin waste, and 160 kg of mixed waste.

Out of the total waste generated, 222 kg of dry recyclable waste, comprising plastic, cardboard and tin, was diverted for upcycling and recycling, reducing the burden on landfills and ensuring material recovery. Wet and mixed waste were handed over to civic authorities for further processing.

The organisers from the Sustainability Committee of Utsav Trayana 2026 said the amount of waste generated was substantially lower than what is typically seen at festivals of this scale, largely because disposable serving items were avoided in favour of reusable steel cutlery and plates.

"By avoiding disposable plates and promoting reusable steel cutlery, refill water stations, and strict segregation, the students were able to significantly reduce the amount of waste typically generated during a fest of this scale. Their planning and discipline have shown that large campus events can be conducted responsibly without compromising on participation or experience," said Dr Sujatha DN, Professor and ISRC Chief Coordinator.

Volunteers manage waste effectively during high-energy campus celebration

Dr Chandraprasad MS, Professor and Niranthara Chief Coordinator, said: "To support the waste management effort, organisers introduced a six-bin segregation system across the venue, allowing waste to be separated into recyclable, biodegradable, compostable and non-recyclable streams. A total of 30 colour-coded bins were installed across five waste stations positioned strategically in high-footfall areas after an assessment of crowd movement patterns. Student volunteers played a central role in ensuring the success of the initiative. They were divided into three squads: stationed volunteers to guide attendees at waste points, patrol teams to monitor litter-prone areas, and logistics teams to replace bins and transport waste when containers neared capacity."

The first day of the event focused on awareness-building, with volunteers educating attendees on proper segregation methods. During the second day, when crowd turnout peaked, rapid-response teams ensured bins did not overflow and the venue remained clean. On the final day, volunteers conducted clean-up operations and coordinated the handover of segregated waste to maintenance teams and recycling partners.

Improved segregation and volunteer monitoring sharply reduced contamination in organic waste, while open littering remained minimal during the three-day fest. The sustainability committee said the initiative aimed to cut the event's environmental footprint and encourage eco-conscious habits beyond campus.

Dr Sujatha N said five water stations promoted reusable bottles, with 207 cans supplying 5,175 litres and cutting plastic use. The cutlery team aided waste reduction with 1,800 steel plates and 50 glasses from Adamya Chetana Foundation.

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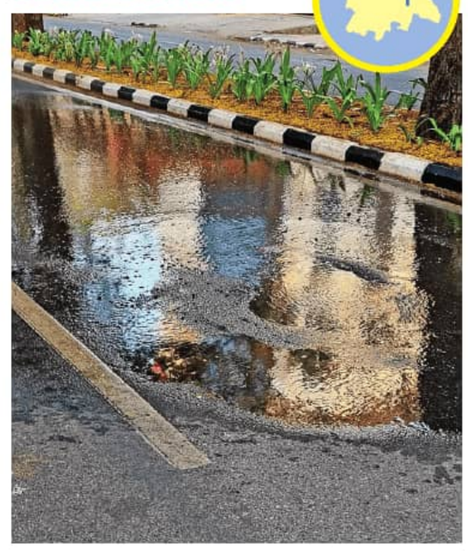
Water waste
Seshadri Road



Persistent water leakage on Seshadri Road towards Kanakadasa Circle is leading to large-scale wastage due to official apathy.

Garbage pile
RT Nagar

Garbage has remained uncollected for two weeks in RT Nagar 1st Block, with multiple dumping spots emerging in the area.

Abandoned car
Kodihalli

This car has been abandoned and parked on 1st Main Road, Kodihalli, HAL 2nd Stage, next to Mei Li Saloon, for the past two months. It is obstructing the building entrance and should be removed.

Focus on 'real' crimes, police told

The Karnataka High Court on Monday came down sharply on the police while granting interim relief to a family accused in a cow theft case, questioning both the delay in registering the complaint and the priorities of law enforcement.

Justice M Nagaprasanna stayed further investigation into an FIR lodged against four members of a family over the alleged theft of two cows, noting that the incident reportedly occurred in 2024 but was only reported in 2026. Police registered the case under Section 303(2) (theft) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at MK Doddi police station.

The court expressed concern over the delay and said continuing proceedings in such circumstances could amount to an abuse of the legal process. It noted that an entire family had been into criminal litigation years after the alleged incident, with no recovery of the missing cattle.

The judge also used the occasion to criticise the functioning of the police, remarking that serious offences often go unregistered despite repeated attempts by complainants, while officials pursue comparatively minor or stale matters. The court orally observed that citizens frequently struggle to get "real crimes" registered, contrasting it with the present case where a complaint about missing cows led to an FIR after two years.

The bench has raised similar concerns earlier. During a recent hearing involving Ranveer Singh, it questioned policing priorities and said authorities often focus on less serious matters instead of addressing pressing criminal issues.

IN COURT

The court will hear the matter at a later stage, while the interim stay on investigation continues. —BMB

Metro voyeur case faces trial

The Karnataka High Court has refused to quash criminal proceedings against the alleged operator of the "Bangalore Metro Chicks" Instagram account, which is accused of posting objectionable, non-consensual videos of women commuters.

During the hearing, Justice M Nagaprasanna strongly criticised the conduct attributed to the accused and raised concerns about women's safety in public spaces. Expressing disapproval, the judge remarked, "You don't leave women to be safe in a metro...You don't leave women to be safe anywhere...You take pictures of women from the front and back and post them on that Instagram page? What kind of men are you?"

The case stems from the arrest of a 27-year-old accountant, BK Diganth, in May 2025. Police accuse him of recording and uploading videos of women travelling on the Namma Metro without their consent. At the time, the Instagram account reportedly had over 6,000 followers and more than 1,000 subscribers on Telegram, drawing significant engagement on its reels. Criminal proceedings are currently pending before an Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate court in Bengaluru. The charges include offences under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita relating to stalking and furnishing false information, along with Section 67 of the Information Technology Act for publishing obscene content online.

The court dismissed the petition, allowing the criminal proceedings to continue. —BMB

Heatwave safeguards for gig workers as B'luru boils

Union urges Centre to mandate paid breaks, hydration access, designated cooling spaces for app-based workers exposed to extreme heat conditions

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A national union representing gig and platform workers has urged the Union Labour Ministry to introduce enforceable protections against extreme heat, warning that thousands of workers remain exposed to dangerous conditions as temperatures climb.

In its representation, the Indian Federation of App-Based Transport Workers called for heatwave safeguards to be formally incorporated into the Code on Social Security, 2020. The body argued that existing advisories lack legal backing and fail to ensure compliance by platform companies.

Highlighting the risks faced by delivery workers and ride-hailing drivers who spend long hours outdoors, the federation proposed a series of mandatory measures. These include paid breaks during officially declared heatwave periods, without penalties such as reduced incentives or loss of work opportunities.

The group also recommended that companies provide access to drinking water, oral rehydration solutions, and designated cooling spaces. It further suggested integrating emergency response features within apps to assist workers experiencing heat-related distress.

Riders wait between orders under harsh conditions, mirroring calls for enforceable heatwave safeguards, cooling spaces and basic facilities to ensure worker safety

Experts say the issue is becoming increasingly urgent in cities like Bengaluru, where rising temperatures are beginning to affect outdoor workers. A labour lawyer noted, "Gig workers fall into a grey area of employment, which often leaves them without basic protections. Heatwave safeguards should not be optional—they must be built into the system."

A public health specialist added that prolonged exposure to high temperatures can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion and even heatstroke. "These are not isolated risks. Without structured interventions like cooling breaks and hydration support, we could see a rise in heat-related illnesses among gig workers," he said.

Workers described the situation as increasingly difficult. Ramesh Kumar, a food delivery rider, said, "By afternoon, the heat from the roads and traffic becomes unbearable. We don't have the option to stop because it affects our earnings. Sometimes even finding drinking water is a challenge."

Similarly, a ride-hailing driver said the lack of rest periods makes it harder to cope with extreme conditions. "If we log off to take a break, we lose incentives. There should be some system where our safety doesn't come at the cost of our income," he said.

Federation urges platforms accountability, seeks urgent government action to prevent heat-related risks among gig workers.

As heat intensifies across cities, delivery riders and drivers say survival often comes at the cost of income, highlighting urgent need for enforceable protections, dignity, and basic working conditions

At airport, Monday was hottest day in 16 years

The Kempegowda International Airport (KIAL) station recorded a maximum temperature of 38.2°C on Monday, making it the joint third-highest temperature ever observed in April since records began in 2014. This matches the same temperature recorded on April 29, 2024.

According to IMD, the highest April temperature at KIAL remains 38.4°C, recorded on April 26, 2024, followed closely by 38.3°C on April 6, 2024. The latest reading highlights a continuing trend of unusually high April temperatures in and around Bengaluru.

Morning walkers shocked as fire erupts at Rani Park

Fire mishap at Rani Park, Wilson Garden shocks morning walkers on Monday morning

Residents of Wilson Garden and surrounding areas who visited Rani Park on Monday morning for a walk were shocked to see a heap of dry leaves and wood kept at one corner of the park gutted in a fire mishap. An assistant sub-inspector and a police constable were found helping people to douse the fire that was allegedly set by a mentally ill person.

It is said that the watchman of Rani Park, who joined duty a few days ago, noticed the burning of dry leaves and wood at around 4 am on Monday. He immediately informed S Umesh, president of Rani Park Walkers' Association, about the fire mishap. "I rushed to the spot and informed the jurisdictional police about burning of dry leaves and wood kept at a corner of the park. I want to thank the police for helping to douse the fire. I have been complaining to the authorities concerned to keep the park clean but in vain," said Umesh.

Demanding the horticulture department to maintain Rani Park and ensure no such fire mishaps in future, Prasanna Kumar, a resident of Wilson Garden, said that he came to know about a mentally ill person setting dry leaves on fire at a few locations around the park. "The residents and local police managed to douse the fire. We did not call the fire and emergency services personnel to douse the fire. I want the horticulture department officials to keep Rani Park free from dry leaves and wood or weeds to avoid similar fire mishaps in future. There were two tipper loads of dry leaves at the corner where the fire mishap took place on Monday morning," said Prasanna Kumar.

It may be noted that residents staged a protest in front of Rani Park on April 18 demanding the authorities to provide basic amenities at the park. Bangalore Mirror published a story Neglect peaks, patience ends; walkers protest in Rani Park on April 20, narrating how walkers, fed up with neglected basic amenities in Rani Park, demanded immediate improvements in lighting, cleanliness, security, and overall park maintenance. However, Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) Superintending Engineer (Horticulture) Hanumanthappa Naik said that he took measures to clear wood ash from Rani Park. "We noticed a mentally ill person responsible for the fire mishap. I will take measures to avoid such fire mishaps in future," the Superintending Engineer said.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Govt directs Bidar University to stop disbursing NPA immediately

Animal Husbandry Department halts allowances, orders audit and recovery after seven years of irregular payments to university teaching staff

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Faculty members at KVAFSU now face uncertainty as the government moves to recover nearly ₹40 crore in disputed allowances, sparking calls for accountability and justice in higher education

Finally, after a delay of seven years, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries directed the Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU) to stop disbursal of non-practicing allowance (NPA) for the faculties immediately as it found the disbursal of the NPA is against the norms.

Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department Under Secretary D Chandrakala issued a circular to the Vice-Chancellor of KVAFSU on April 21, directing the immediate halt of NPA disbursal, stating that it has no approval from the state government and is against the norms. "You are directed to take suitable action immediately against those found guilty. You have to submit an action taken report. Suitable action will be taken against those officials or staff members responsible for the delay in submitting the action taken report," the circular read.

Bangalore Mirror published a story — Bidar university faces the heat of Rs 7 crore NPA payout — on March 21, narrating how KVAFSU allegedly misused funds in the guise of NPA for teaching staff. It also stated that some individuals, including those recently raided by the Karnataka Lokayukta, collected money from teaching staff by promising that they would be made eligible to avail the NPA benefit.

The Under Secretary, in the circular dated April 21, said that a complaint was received about the disbursal of NPA against norms. "Though the government order was issued on March 16, 2019 to sanction the NPA, there was no clarity on how to fix the NPA for teaching staff members. It is not right to disburse the NPA as per the university's discretion or based on the demands of teaching staff members. The Karnataka Regulation of Pay and Pension of Teachers in Higher Educational Institutions Act, 2020 has a provision to pay salary/allowance to teachers working at educational institutions under the state government's jurisdiction. However, no order or guidelines were issued by the state government for paying the NPA to the faculties at KVAFSU. The disbursal of the NPA is not as per the norms and regulations," the circular read.

The Under Secretary directed the Vice-Chancellor to stop disbursal of NPA to teaching staff members until further orders. "You are directed to make arrangements to have an audit on the process of fixing salary and allowances to the faculties of KVAFSU and submit the audit report prepared by the Accountant General. You have to put up a note on the notice board that the NPA disbursed to the teaching staff members illegally would be recovered after conducting an inquiry into the matter," the circular read.

Meanwhile, K Venkata Reddy, retired professor of Poultry Science and former member of the Board of Management, welcomed the circular issued by the Under Secretary of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries. "I attended the 87th meeting of the Board of Management on May 31, 2019, and the subject of the NPA was not discussed. I demand the government to recover the NPA disbursed to the faculties in the last seven years, amounting to around Rs 40 crore, and take stringent action against those responsible for fake letters and orders pertaining to the sanctioning of the NPA to the teaching staff members," said Venkata Reddy.

Varsity V-C faces suspension in DA case

The Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar, has issued an order suspending Dr HC Indresh, Assistant Professor of Veterinary College, Hebbal on the recommendation of Karnataka Lokayukta.

The suspension and transfer order dated April 17 stated that Dr Indresh has also been transferred on lien shift to the Livestock Research & Information Centre (Deoni), Bidar, during the suspension period. "Dr Indresh has to cooperate with the investigation conducted by Karnataka Lokayukta", the letter signed by P T Ramesh read.

Dr Indresh has been working as an Assistant Professor at the Veterinary College, Hebbal, and is also the president of the KVAFSU Teachers and Employees Association, Bidar. Karnataka Lokayukta officials conducted simultaneous raids on the premises of three officials, including Dr HC Indresh, on March 4 in Bengaluru in connection with alleged disproportionate assets.

The Lokayukta has recommended to the state government that Dr Indresh be suspended, citing prima facie evidence showing he was in possession of disproportionate assets worth Rs 2,72,83,100, which is 144.55 percent in excess of his known sources of income. "Dr HC Indresh has assets worth Rs 2,71,83,100 during his tenure and he is found to have spent money worth Rs 69,78,522 towards various expenses. The accused has earned an income of Rs 1,38,00,000 from known sources. He earned Rs 2,03,61,622 worth assets which is 147.55 percent excess of his known source of income", the Lokayukta report read.

Officials said that where prima facie evidence shows possession of assets disproportionate to known income during official duty, Lokayukta officers are authorised to investigate offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, or other laws. It is also alleged that Dr Indresh received money from faculty members and students, and used agents to collect payments on his behalf. **–BMB**

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Forest department enforces strict safety norms at Karnataka trekking sites

Mandatory registration, trained guides, restricted hours and safety facilities introduced to protect trekkers after recent mishaps across Karnataka destinations

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Following a series of incidents at trekking locations in Karnataka, the forest department has stepped up monitoring and introduced safety measures across popular trekking sites to prevent mishaps. Special guidelines have been issued, focusing on regulating tourist movement, training guides and ensuring basic facilities.

The move follows recent cases, including a woman from Kerala who went missing for three days during a trek at Tadiandamol in Kodagu and the death of a girl near Manikyadhara in Chikkamagaluru. In response, the forest department has increased vigilance across trekking destinations and rolled out precautionary steps.

A forest department official said, "In Bengaluru Rural district, two major trekking spots have come under focus, with safety measures being enforced. Makalidurga, located about 60 km from Bengaluru on the Doddaballapur-Gauribidanur route, remains one of the most visited trekking destinations. Standing at an elevation of 1,117 metres above sea level, the hill attracts trekkers from across the region and is known for its natural landscape and historical features. Huliyurdurga hill near Doddabelavangala, about 65 km from the city, is another popular spot that also draws pilgrims."

Popular trekking spots witness increased oversight as officials implement precautionary steps to prevent accidents and ensure safer experiences for visitors

The department has made online registration mandatory for all trekkers. Only registered visitors can enter, and trained guides will accompany them. Authorities have advised tourists to follow instructions given by guides and stick to designated trekking routes.

"Several safety norms have been put in place. Written consent from parents is required for minors, while elderly participants must produce a fitness certificate. Facilities such as drinking water and toilets are being arranged. Guides are undergoing training to handle emergencies and ensure visitor safety. Signal systems are also being installed along ascent and descent routes to manage movement," an official said.

Authorities have restricted trekking to specified hours and banned single-use plastic at these locations. Officials have cautioned visitors against taking risks such as standing on rocks for photos or videos. Those with health issues should avoid trekking, especially during adverse weather.

Trekkers at Makalidurga, Huliyurdurga and other sites must now follow stricter rules, with trained guides, fitness checks, and safety systems ensuring adventure remains enjoyable without risking lives

Camera sabotage at stadium: 2 arrested

240 CCTV cameras disabled at Chinnaswamy Stadium during IPL match

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In a serious security lapse, the CCTV surveillance system at M Chinnaswamy Stadium was allegedly sabotaged on April 24 during the IPL match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Gujarat Titans (GT), leaving over 240 cameras non-functional.

The Cubbon Park Police have registered a case against two individuals Manjunath (37), of Hiriyur in Chitradurga, and Abdul Kalam (19) from Uttar Pradesh. According to police, both were working under a sub-vendor of IVS Digital Solutions, which was engaged in providing technical support during match days.

The complaint was filed by Aditya Bhat, an employee of Staqu Technologies Pvt Ltd, a Gurugram-based firm responsible for AI-driven surveillance at the stadium. He alleged that the accused entered the CCTV control room without valid authorisation and damaged Network Video Recorder (NVR) systems along with fibre optic connections.

CCTV footage reportedly captured the accused entering restricted areas, including the control room and connection boxes near the parking zone. The damaged cameras were monitoring critical points such as entry gates, perimeter areas, and concourses, significantly affecting real-time surveillance during the high-profile match.

Police officials said the duo allegedly used valid access cards to enter the stadium around 11.30 am and made their way into the CCTV control room. During questioning, the accused reportedly claimed that the act was intentional, citing non-payment of salaries. Police have booked them for destruction of property and are continuing further investigation.

Mother, daughter found dead in pond

A 28-year-old woman and her eight-year-old daughter were found dead after allegedly drowning in a farm pond in Lakshmisagara village, in the jurisdiction of Suryanagar Police Station.

The deceased have been identified as Lavanya, a housewife and Lakshita. Lavanya had married a local resident in 2017 and had been living in the village since then. Police officials stated that the pond was around 7 to 10 feet deep. The incident reportedly took place on Saturday evening between 4 pm and 5 pm, but the police were informed only around 7 pm. Preliminary suspicion suggests that the woman may have taken the extreme step following a family dispute between her and her husband.

The incident has taken a suspicious turn after the woman's parents raised alleged possible foul play and demanded a detailed investigation into the matter.

5 2-wheeler theft cases cracked

The Yelahanka police have arrested a 31-year-old man, identified as Rishabh Chakraborty, in connection with multiple two-wheeler thefts across the city. The accused, a resident of Adigar Kalahalli in Sarjapur Hobli, was apprehended on April 15 near Bagalur Cross along with a stolen scooter.

The arrest followed a complaint filed on April 4 by a resident of Sapthagiri Layout, who reported that his vehicle was stolen during the night of April 2. During interrogation, the accused confessed to the theft and admitted involvement in several similar cases.

Based on his information, police recovered five stolen two-wheelers, including four scooters and one bike, collectively worth ₹5 lakh. The vehicles had been hidden near a drain in Ambedkar Nagar.

2 held in house break-in case

Sanjayanagar police have arrested two individuals in connection with a house break-in reported in Nagashettihalli and recovered stolen property worth 6 lakh, including gold, silver, and a two-wheeler.

The case was registered on April 1 after the complainant returned home to find the door lock broken and valuables missing. The accused had allegedly stolen gold ornaments, silver articles, and cash worth ₹5.30 lakh. Police apprehended the first accused on April 6 near a bar in Kamalanagar, Basaveshwaranagar. During interrogation, he revealed the involvement of an accomplice, who was arrested the next day in Mahalakshmi Layout. —BMB

INBRIEF

Prada to launch 'Made in India' sandals

Prada is launching a limited-edition range of Indian-made sandals inspired by traditional Kolhapuri footwear, less than a year after the Italian luxury group faced a backlash for showcasing similar designs without crediting their origins.

Each pair will be priced at about 750 euros ($881), according to Prada's website.

The launch follows controversy in June 2025, when Prada showed sandals resembling centuries-old Indian Kolhapuri chappals at a Milan fashion show. The designs sparked outrage among Indian artisans and politicians, who accused the brand of cultural appropriation. Prada later acknowledged the influence of ancient Indian styles and said it had begun talks with artisan groups about a collaboration.

In December, Prada announced plans to produce 2,000 pairs of the sandals in Maharashtra and Karnataka under deals with two state-backed bodies. Reuters

Baby on board

A woman travelling from Mangaluru to Mysuru delivered a baby on board a train after it was halted at a station in Dakshina Kannada district, officials said on Monday.

According to railway sources, the passenger began experiencing labour pain during the journey on Sunday. The train was stopped at B C Road station in Bantwal taluk of this district to facilitate medical assistance. However, no doctor reached the spot for over 30 minutes after the halt.

In the absence of immediate medical support, two co-passengers stepped in to assist the woman. The delivery was conducted in the train's toilet compartment. Both the mother and the newborn were reported to be safe. PTI

Clinical RCB crush DC to nine-wicket loss; Hazlewood, Bhuvneshwar shine

Two brilliant exhibitions of pace bowling from Josh Hazlewood and Bhuvneshwar Kumar powered defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) to a nine-wicket win over Delhi Capitals (DC) at Arun Jaitley Stadium on Monday.

With this win, RCB have registered their sixth win in eight matches, with 12 points to their name. RCB are at number two in the points tally. This fifth defeat for DC, who have won three, keep them at seventh spot in the points table.

RCB opted to field first and excellent spells from Hazlewood (4/12) and Bhuvneshwar (3/5) reduced DC to 75 in 16.3 overs, with Abishek Porel (30) and David Miller (19) offering some resistance. RCB batters came out all guns blazing as Jacob Bethell (20 in 10 balls), Devdutt Padikkal (34* in 13 balls) and Virat Kohli (25* in 13 balls) sealed the chase in 6.3 overs.

During a run-chase of 75 runs, RCB started cautiously with a four each from Virat Kohli and Jacob Bethell in the first two overs, collecting just 13 runs.

In the third over, Bethell launched an attack against Kyle Jamieson, smashing him for two sixes back-to-back. However, Jamieson had the last laugh immediately, getting Bethell for a 11-ball 20, with a four and two sixes courtesy of a fine catch from T Natrajan at the boundary. RCB was 26/1 in 2.5 overs.

In the fifth over, Devdutt Padikkal dimmed Jamieson's lights with two fours and sixes each, with RCB's score progressing to 60 in five overs.

Kohli sealed the win with two back-to-back sixes, completing his 9,000 IPL runs. RCB completed the chase at 77/1 in 6.3 overs, with Devdutt (34* in 13 balls, with three fours and three sixes) and Virat (25* in 13 balls, with a four and tw sixes).

Scorching powerplay spells from Josh Hazlewood and Bhuvneshwar Kumar helped defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) bundle out hosts Delhi Capitals (DC) for just 75 runs in 16.3 overs at Arun Jaitley Stadium on Monday.

DC was down and out at 8/6 within the first four overs. But it was a valuable knock from Abishek Porel (30 in 33 balls, with three fours) and brief cameos from David Miller (19) and Kyle Jamieson (12) that gave the score some respectability as DC managed to go past their opponent's record of the lowest IPL total ever (49).

Putting DC to bat first, Bhuvneshwar Kumar got RCB off to a dream start, uprooting debutant Sahil Parakh's middle-stump for a two-ball duck. DC was 0/1 in 0.2 overs.

In the next over, Josh Hazlewood started by getting the crucial wicket of KL Rahul, who top-edged a pull attempt into the hands of Jitesh Sharma for just one, while Sameer Rizvi also nicked one to Jitesh on first ball itself. DC was 2/3 in 1.2 overs.

Tristan Stubbs released some pressure with a four.

However, in next over, he poked at a Bhuvneshwar outswinger, caught by Devdutt Padikkal at slips for a three-ball five. Skipper Axar Patel was also adjudged to be caught behind by Jitesh for a three-ball duck. DC had an absolute horror movie of a start, at 7/5 in 2.4 overs.

Hazlewood got his third in the third over, as Nitish Rana tried avoiding a bumper, but the ball got some glove on it and went into Padikkal's hands at gully.

DC was 9/6 in 3.5 overs, engulfed by a tsunami of wickets.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Bhuvneshwar Kumar celebrates with Virat Kohli after taking the wicket of Delhi Capitals' Axar Patel

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At the end of the power play, DC was 13/6, with David Miller and Abishek Porel at the crease. This was only the second instance of a team losing six wickets within the powerplay in IPL history, after Kochi Tuskers Kerala slumped to 29/6 against Deccan Chargers back in the 2011 edition, as per a stat from CricViz.

Miller and Porel started to build a partnership, getting four each against Rasikh Salam Dar in the seventh over. In the ninth over, Miller tried to dominate the young pacer with two fours, but Rasikh managed to have the last laugh, getting Miller's toe-end of the bat, and the ball landed safely in Jitesh's hands again. Miller was gone for an 18-ball 19. DC was 43/7 in nine overs.

At the end of 10 overs, DC was 46/7, with Porel (18*) and Kyle Jamieson (1*) unbeaten.

Hazlewood's 4/12 in 3.3 overs and Bhuvneshwar's 3/5 in three overs were the highlights, while Krunal, Rasikh and Suyash also got a wicket each. —ANI

1,278 accident-prone spots on highways in K'taka

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According to official data, Karnataka has identified 1,278 accident-prone black spots on national highways, making it the sixth-highest state in the country in terms of such locations. As of February 2026, about 701 of these black spots have reportedly been addressed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. However, several high-risk stretches remain, including key junctions such as Peenya to 8th Mile in Bengaluru and parts of the Bengaluru–Mysuru highway near Mandya. These locations are now being prioritised for AI-based surveillance.

"The AI cameras will be integrated with the Centre's NIC e-challan software, enabling automatic detection of traffic violations and instant issuance of notices. A centralised command and control centre has already been established at the Transport Commissioner's office in Shanthinagar, Bengaluru, from where monitoring is being carried out. Cameras installed under Phase three will also be linked to this command centre for seamless surveillance and enforcement," the official added.

Officials said the system will not only track speeding and dangerous driving but also monitor vehicle documentation such as registration and permit validity. Once a vehicle is flagged for violation by one camera, alerts will be passed on to subsequent checkpoints, ensuring that offenders cannot escape enforcement. Vehicles identified for violations can be intercepted further along the highway, making enforcement more effective.

Currently, AI cameras have been installed at several locations, including Ramanagara, Srirangapatna, near the Parle-G factory (Nagasandra) on Tumakuru Road, Attibele and Hosapete. Additional installations include five locations in Mysuru, four in Tumakuru, three each in Kolar, Ramanagara and Nelamangala, and two in Hoskote.

A senior Transport Department official said the project is aimed at preventing accidents through technology-driven enforcement. With increasing vehicle density and rising accident rates, authorities believe AI-based surveillance will play a crucial role in improving road safety and ensuring stricter compliance with traffic rules across highways.

NIA court sentences cooker blast accused to 10-year in jail

A special NIA court has convicted and sentenced a cadre of the Islamic State to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment for spreading terror ideology and raising funds for the proscribed outfit.

The special court at Bengaluru also imposed Rs 92,000 fine on Mohamed Shariq, who is also an accused in the 2022 Mangaluru pressure cooker blast case, the National Investigation Agency said in a statement on Monday.

NIA investigation found the accused to have been radicalised into the ideology of the Islamic State (ISIS) terror outfit by his associate Arafath Ali - an accused in the Shivamogga Islamic State conspiracy case.

Arafath is already undergoing six years of rigorous imprisonment.

Shariq had conspired with co-accused Syed Yasin and a foreign-based ISIS handler to promote terror activities in India with the aim to terrorise the society through IED attacks, said the statement. He was also involved in fund raising activities for the Islamic State, it added.

In November 2022, Shariq was carrying a pressure cooker IED in an auto-rickshaw with an intent to plant it at a temple in Mangaluru, the NIA said. However, it exploded prematurely, causing injuries to Shariq as well as one other person, who later filed a complaint with the Karnataka Police.

On the instructions of his online handler, Shariq had exchanged explosive materials with Yasin and had absconded after the arrest of Yasin and others in the Shivamogga Islamic State conspiracy case in September 2022, the federal agency said. PTI

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I, Muheena taj, D/o, Amjad pasha, R/at No.Yarab nagar, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bangalore-560070, have changed my name to Tasmiya taj, vide affidavit dt: 25.04.2026 Notary H R Panduranga, Bangalore.

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I, Galeti Chadra Sekhar, R/at No.16/5, Mithra homes 5th cross, RKBR Enclaves, Banjara Enclaves, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name to Galeti Chandra Sekhar, vide affidavit dt: 25.04.2026 Notary H R Panduranga, Bangalore.

I, Priya Patil D/O Prabhakar Balkrishna Patil , R/O 11143 Prestige Shanti Niketan ITPL Main Road Bangalore 560048, have changed my name to Priya Prabhakar Patil vide affidavit # IN-KA41641243567611Y dated 23/04/2026.

I, Bhuvaneswari Solamalai Ramakrishnan Seeniappan Mariappan Seeniappan Resident of No G1140, Brigade Northridge Vtc, Kogilu Road, Brigade Apts, Yelahanka, Bangalore 560064 have changed my name to BHUVANESWARI S R S M S vide affidavit dated 23.04.2026 sworn before notary H K Gopalagowda, Bangalore.

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I, KUTHYAR PRANAV (Aadhar No. 6564 3648 3787), S/o. Kuthyar Sudhakar, residing at No.18, Flat No.202, 2nd Floor, 28th Cross, 7th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560070, Karnataka, state that my name has been previously mentioned in Passport as PRANAV SUDHAKAR KUTHYAR, and shall be changed to KUTHYAR PRANAV as per my Aadhar Card, PAN Card, etc., documents.

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I, Anuradha Varadaraya Kini alias Anuradha Kini W/o U Varadaraya Kini, D/O R S Shanbhog R/o Flat FF4, Sai Sindhu Apartment, Tyagarajanagara, 6th cross, CT Bed Bangalore 560050 have changed my name to ANURADHA V KINI (as per Affidavit)

I, VIJAYSHANTHI S W/o, Ranjith Kumar M Resident at No. 12th, 6th Cross, 8th Main Kurubarahalli, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bengaluru-560086 have changed my name to VIJAYASHANTHI S vide affidavit dated 04.04.2026 sworn before notary D G Shanthappa, Bangalore.

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All hands on deck as number of rescue calls go up

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gathered around the well. We had to control the crowd while we pulled the deer out. However, releasing wildlife back into the wild after rescue makes all the hard work worthwhile. It is extremely rewarding. I remember feeling content following the operation," says Antony, a professional wildlife rescuer.

Rescue and rehabilitation centres in the city say applications by young individuals wanting to volunteer as wildlife rescuers and rehabilitators are skyrocketing. Some of them are school-goers who plan to become full-time rescuers.

"We are flooded with youngsters wanting to volunteer with a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation program. At any given point in time, we have more than 10 student volunteers from schools and colleges in the city. We have been getting volunteering requests from children as young as seven to eight years old, but we are currently allowing children above 12 years to join us. In the beginning, they accompany professional rescuers, and once trained and grown up, they join us as trained volunteers," said Dr. (Colonel) Nawaz Shariff, chief veterinarian at PFA Wildlife Hospital.

Zoology postgraduate student, 22-year-old Shivamsha C, is volunteering as a wildlife rehabilitator with a city-based NGO. She spends a typical weekend inside an intensive care unit for wildlife, taking care of dehydrated birds, electrocuted monkeys, and snakes with spinal fractures.

Shivamsha got hooked to the work after she attended a 30-day-long internship program in wildlife rehabilitation in 2023.

"I could not take a break from this work after the internship. Before I started my MSc course, I worked as a junior rehabilitator. I have always wanted to get into wildlife conservation. A lot of wildlife in urban areas is struggling to survive. I like taking care of these animals as they, too, deserve a chance to live," says Priyamvada, an MSc student at St. Joseph's University.

Vijay Gowda, a 25-year-old electrical and electronic engineering diploma holder, fondly recalls his recent, most arduous week-long rescue of a black kite from a transformer manufacturing unit in Dodaballapur.

"Making an even tangible impact on the lives of the voiceless is gratifying, and that keeps me going. There have been multiple tricky rescue operations, including the black kite rescue from a manufacturing unit in Dodaballapur. This work is about making a difference and choosing it over income and uncertain working hours," said Gowda.

According to Subiksha Venkatesh, Lead Wildlife Rehabilitator at Avian and Reptile Rehabilitation Centre (ARRC), increased awareness and conversations around animal welfare and wildlife conservation are the prime reasons younger individuals are turning towards this field.

"While wildlife rescue and rehabilitation is still a developing field, there is a lot of demand for volunteering opportunities among the young generation. We get a lot of applications, and youngsters are always on the lookout. The increased awareness of the intersection of welfare and conservation has led to this interest," said Venkatesh.

"Given the awareness about wildlife rescue centres and the ever-expanding city, the number of wildlife rescue calls in the city has gone up substantially over the last couple of years," said Priyamvada, an HR professional and another young wildlife rescuer in the city.

HEALTH TIP: Reduce blood glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides, aid diabetics, improve carb tolerance, fenugreek supports cardiovascular health, protects heart

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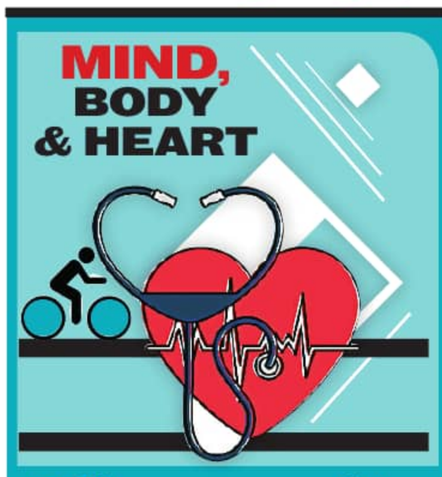


All you need to know about...

Sleep reset

With PCOS, disrupted sleep can lower energy and trigger mood swings, worsening symptoms such as weight gain, insulin resistance and hormonal imbalance. Most women need 7–9 hours of sleep, yet for those with PCOS, both quality and consistency can be difficult. Small lifestyle changes, however, can restore balance. Here are 9 simple, powerful ways to improve your sleeping schedule:

1. Sleep Schedule: Fix a consistent sleep and wake time, even on weekends. Regular patterns help regulate hormones, stabilise mood, metabolism and energy.

2. Bedtime Routine: Avoid screens or work before bed. Gentle yoga, stretching, reading or journalling for 20–30 minutes can help your body unwind.

3. Limit Caffeine: Caffeine and sugar in the evening disrupt insulin and delay sleep. Opt for chamomile tea or warm milk instead.

4. Reduce Screen Time: Blue light suppresses melatonin, making sleep lighter and less restorative. Cut screen use before bedtime.

5. Balance Blood Sugar: A small snack with protein and healthy fats, such as almonds or yoghurt, can prevent night-time wakefulness.

6. Exercise: Daytime activity improves sleep and hormone balance. Avoid intense workouts late at night; choose calming stretches instead.

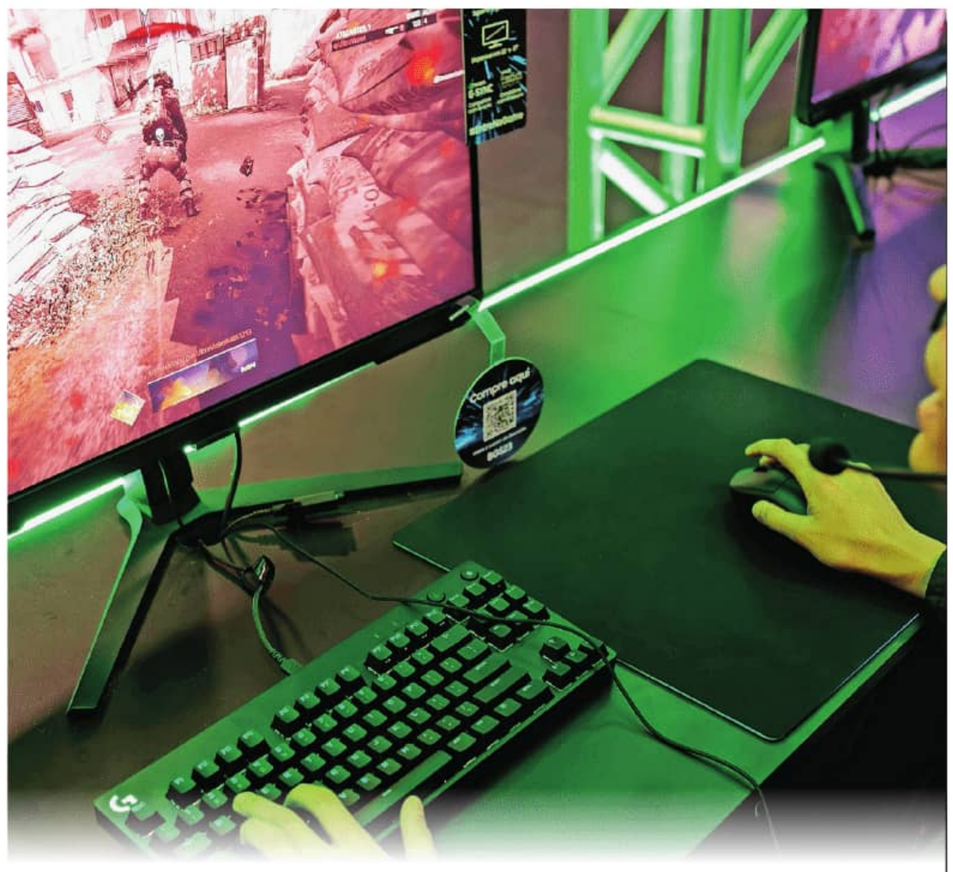
7. Sleep Environment: Keep your room cool, dark and quiet. Use blackout curtains, earplugs or white noise if needed.

8. Herbal Teas: Chamomile, lavender or spearmint tea can relax the body and support better sleep.

9. Stress Levels: Stress disrupts sleep and worsens PCOS. Practise meditation, breathing exercises or journalling to calm the mind.

—Femina

Do games teach violence or empathy?



Since the first violent games of the 1970s, the debate on their impact has remained divisive: do they corrupt or educate? Our research suggests the answer lies less in violence itself than in how games, through design and storytelling, evoke emotions in players, between indifference and moral awareness.

On February 5, 2026, Emmanuel Macron argued that rising youth violence is linked to increased exposure to violent content, including video games. He claimed such games "distort the relationship to violence", citing titles like Fortnite. Yet the success of Clair Obscur: Expedition 33, acclaimed for its moral complexity and narrative depth, highlights a different reality. Video games can also provoke reflection, empathy and ethical questioning. Rather than treating them as inherently harmful, it is more useful to examine how they are designed. Research shows little consistent evidence that violent games directly increase real-world aggression. Economist Agne Suziedelyte, for instance, finds no clear rise in violent behaviour among children following major game releases. This suggests restrictive policies alone are unlikely to reduce violence.

The more relevant question is how games shape players' emotional and moral responses. Some war games, particularly first-person shooters like Call of Duty or Counter-Strike — tend to frame conflict through heroism and fast-paced gameplay. In doing so, they often simplify war, downplay consequences and encourage moral disengagement. Enemies are dehumanised, civilians are invisible, and ethical dilemmas are largely absent. This design transforms violence into spectacle. By avoiding the trauma, grief and ambiguity of real conflict, such games can dull empathy and reinforce a simplistic "good versus evil" worldview. Players are rarely encouraged to reflect on the moral weight of their actions. However, other games take a radically different approach. Titles like This War of Mine and Spec Ops: The Linedeliberately challenge the player. Rather than rewarding violence, they foreground suffering, uncertainty and moral discomfort.

In Spec Ops: The Line, for example, players are forced to use white phosphorus, leading to the deaths of civilians. The game then confronts them with the consequences, stripping away any illusion of heroism. A character's accusation, "You could have stopped", compels players to confront their own complicity.

Similarly, Papers, Please places players in ethical dilemmas where personal gain conflicts with compassion, while Until Dawn forces choices about who lives or dies without affecting progress. These scenarios create genuine moral tension, encouraging reflection rather than detachment.

Even mainstream titles are beginning to experiment with this approach. In Call of Duty: Modern Warfare, players briefly assume the role of a vulnerable child in a war zone. Through limited movement and helplessness, the game fosters empathy rather than dominance.

These examples suggest that design is crucial. Games that prioritise speed, reward and heroism tend to encourage emotional distance. Those that incorporate vulnerability, consequence and discomfort can deepen moral awareness.

As Stephanie de Smale notes, humanising war means portraying characters as people, evoking fear, guilt and sadness, and confronting players with uncomfortable realities like children in conflict zones.

There is, however, no simple formula linking emotional discomfort to moral behaviour. While games like Nevermindshow that stress can trigger strong emotional responses, translating those emotions into ethical action remains complex.
Repeated exposure to virtual violence can dull emotional response, affecting both players and designers, who rely on playtesting to stay sensitive. As Holger Pötzsch argues, the impact of violent video games depends on how violence is portrayed—whether consequences are shown, characters humanised, and moral dilemmas presented. This raises a key issue of responsibility: designers shape not just player actions, but their emotional and ethical engagement. The real question is not whether games are "good" or "bad", but what experiences they create and what they encourage players to feel or overlook.

(By Emmanuel Petit, University of Bordeaux, The Conversations)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Posture problems: Young professionals buckle under back pain pressure

Back pain cases are rising sharply, with health professionals warning that "sitting is the new smoking", as prolonged sedentary behaviour linked to desk work poses serious long-term health risks.

In Bangalore, back pain has reached near-epidemic levels due to sedentary IT lifestyles, long commutes and poor ergonomics. Nearly eight out of ten adults experience it at some stage, with cases increasingly reported among young professionals in their late twenties suffering from chronic discomfort.

A recent retrospective study conducted at Physiotattva clinics examined the management of lumbar radiculopathy, a disabling condition associated with lower back pain. Led by Dr Krina Ved alongside Dr Anup Brahmbhatt and Dr Shubham Menaria, the study evaluated advanced physiotherapy techniques against conventional methods.

Clinical data from 74 patients aged 25 to 55 years were analysed. While conventional treatment included ultrasound, interferential therapy and basic exercises, the advanced protocol incorporated high-intensity laser therapy, manual therapy, neurodynamic mobilisation, breathing techniques and structured strengthening.

Both approaches improved outcomes, but the advanced group showed greater reductions in pain and disability, measured using standard scales. Researchers noted that targeting biomechanical and neuromuscular dysfunctions led to more sustainable recovery, despite slightly longer treatment duration.

The study highlights the growing prevalence of lower back pain among desk-based workers and stresses the need for structured, evidence-based physiotherapy. Experts also recommend regular movement, ergonomic awareness, core strengthening and timely intervention to prevent chronic conditions and improve long-term spinal health.

— Iffath Fathima

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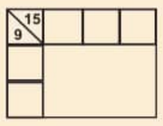
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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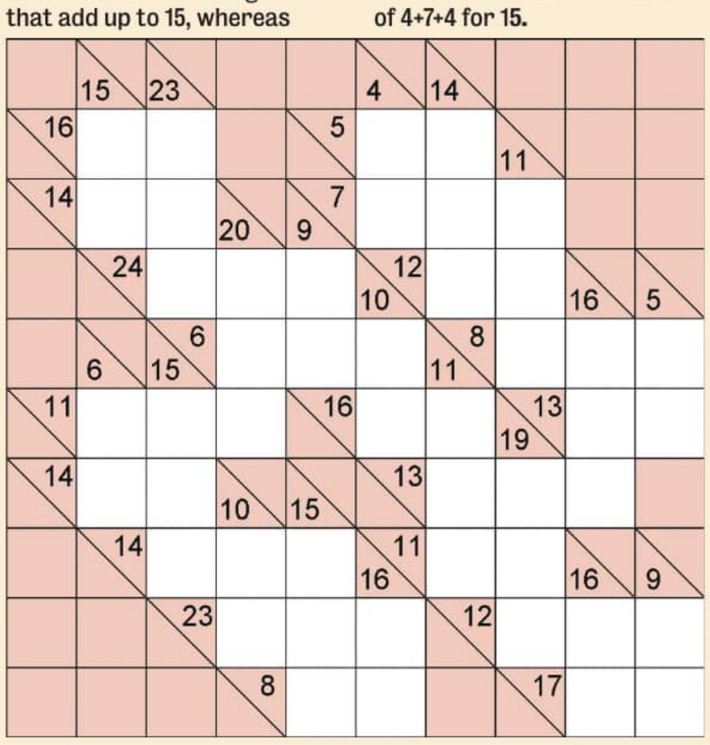

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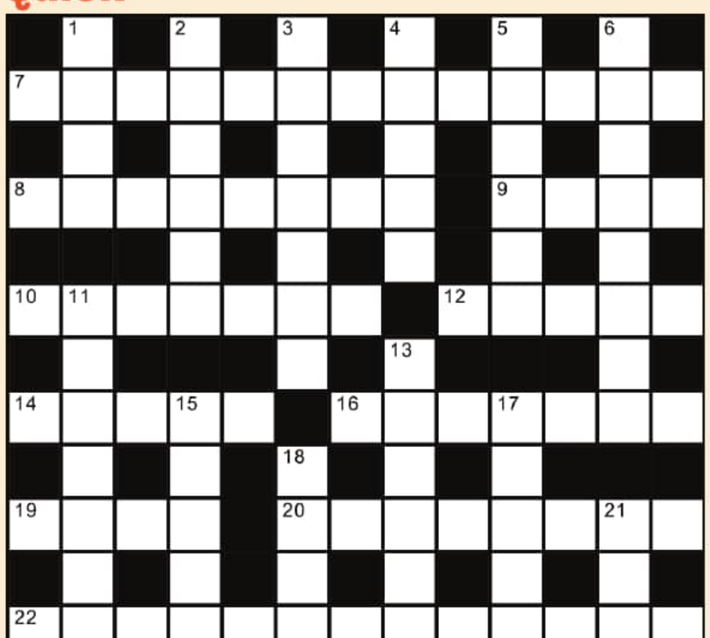


ACROSS

7 Theatre in J P Nagar (5,8)
8 Marked on the skin with uneven spots, etc. (8)
9 Clenched hand (4)
10 Indian flat bread (7)
12 Donkeys (5)
14 Mango for one, apple for another? (5)
16 Salaryt increment (3-4)
19 Apple's tablet (4)
20 Was a threat or a menace (8)
22 Misgivings (13)

DOWN

1 Light giver (4)
2 Breakfast table item, should we say? (3-3)
3 Set apart (7)
4 Golfer's helper (5)
5 Small boats (6)
6 Capital of Belgium (8)
11 Sailor's dance (8)
13 Fighting for breath (7)
15 Ex-India P.M. Mrs. ___ Gandhi (6)
17 One of the Kapoors of Bollywood (6)
18 Quarrel (5)
21 Many millennia (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS U

RJK MFQQJW LFOU F NJCHWHOU AHZU FQE F QUPFWHOU IHQE.

Linemaro

I could lay next to you forever. Or until we decided to go eat

Mindchow

A miser grows rich by seeming poor. An extravagant man grows poor by seeming rich

Joke of the day

I like going to the park and watching the children run and jump around, because you see, they don't know I'm using blanks

Loop

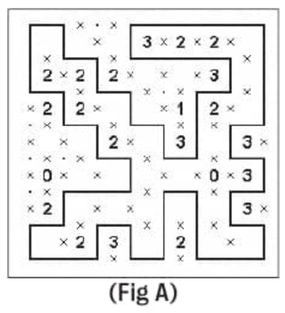
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

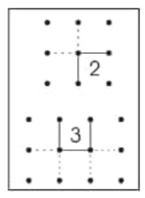
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

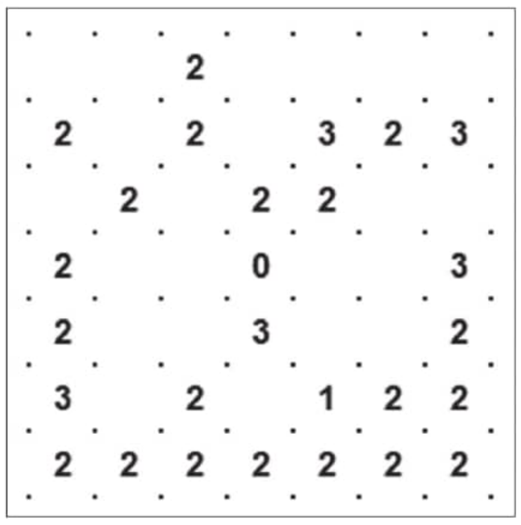
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



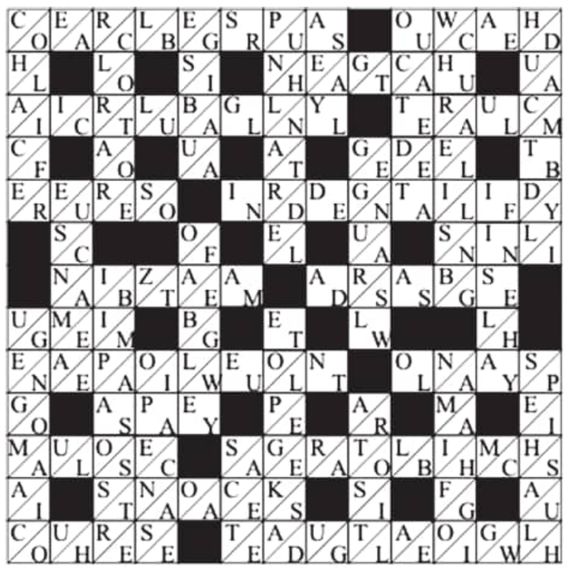
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



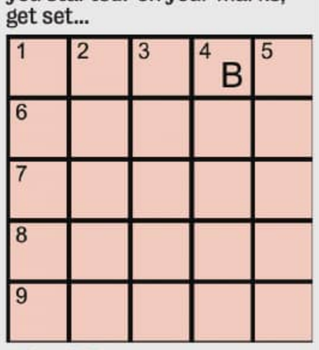
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Basts; 6 U Colm; 7 Tune I; 8 Manat; 9 Peril

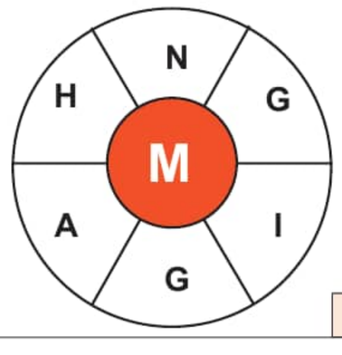
DOWN

1 Lumps; 2 Talon; 3 In CIA; 4 Be tut; 5 Reams

Mensapuzzle

Which number completes this puzzle?

4	3	2	8
3	7	1	2
8	2	8	2
1	2	5	



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; **02** Good; **03** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

			2		8			
		2	5		3	4		
1	6		9		4		2	5
5			4		7			9
4			1		6			8
2	4		7		9		5	6
		8	3		5	9		
			6		1			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7
2 6 3 2

Medium = 2
3 9 9 1

Hard = 16
3 3 9 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

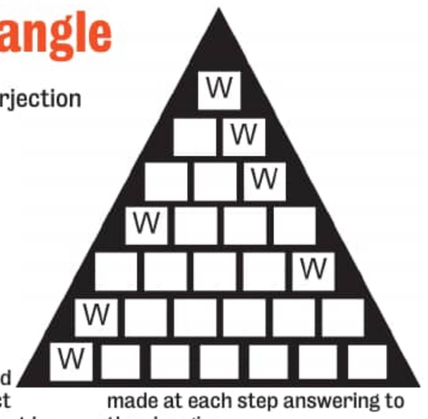
Differences: 1. Thumb is moved. 2. Mouth is different. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Name tag is higher. 5. Lapel is missing. 6. Nose is smaller.

Riddler

The kitten demands silence. At its end the forgotten lies. Misuse may lead to violence. At work oft silence dies. What is it?

Alpha triangle

1 Compass point
2 Sympathetic interjection
3 Fancy marble
4 Skin growth
5 Sipper's need
6 Irrigates
7 Most cordial



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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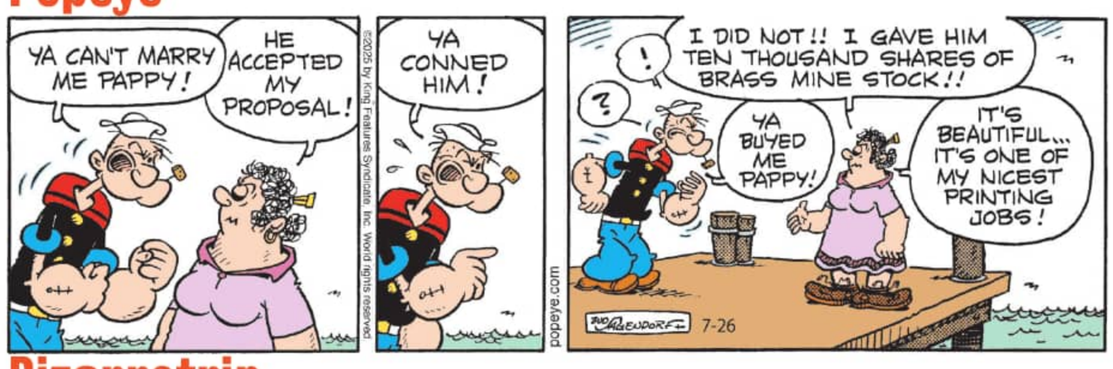
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HE ACCEPTED MY PROPOSAL!
YA CONNED HIM!
I DID NOT!! I GAVE HIM TEN THOUSAND SHARES OF BRASS MINE STOCK!!
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IT'S BEAUTIFUL... IT'S ONE OF MY NICEST PRINTING JOBS!
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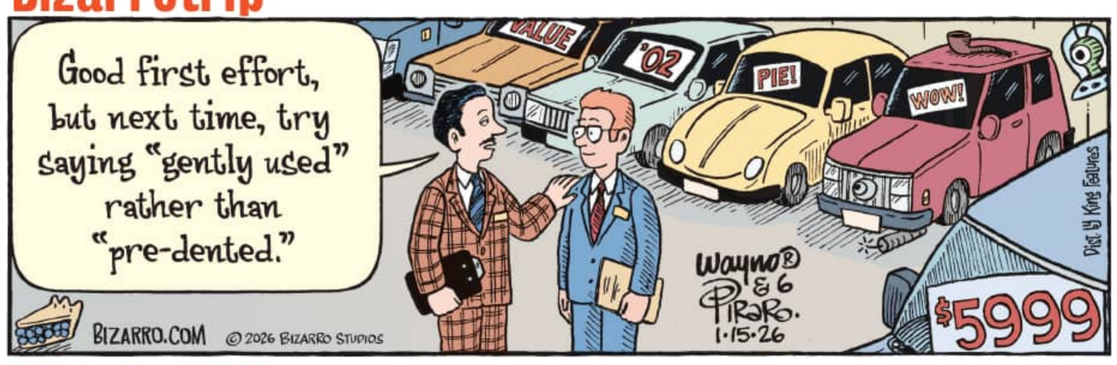

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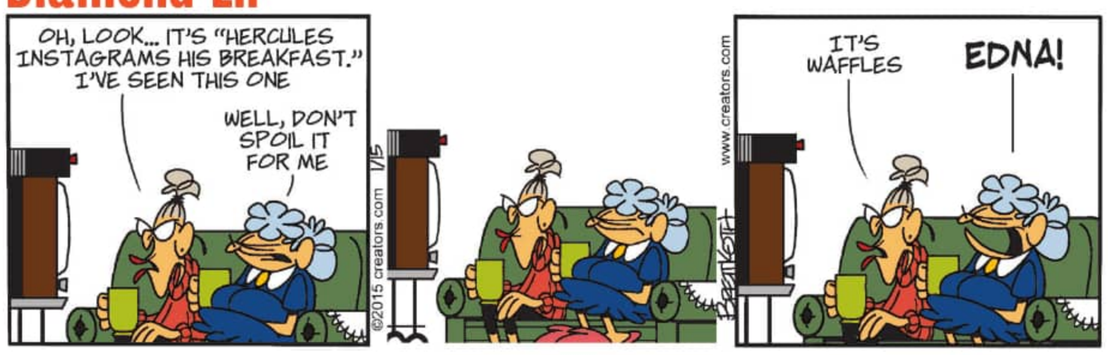
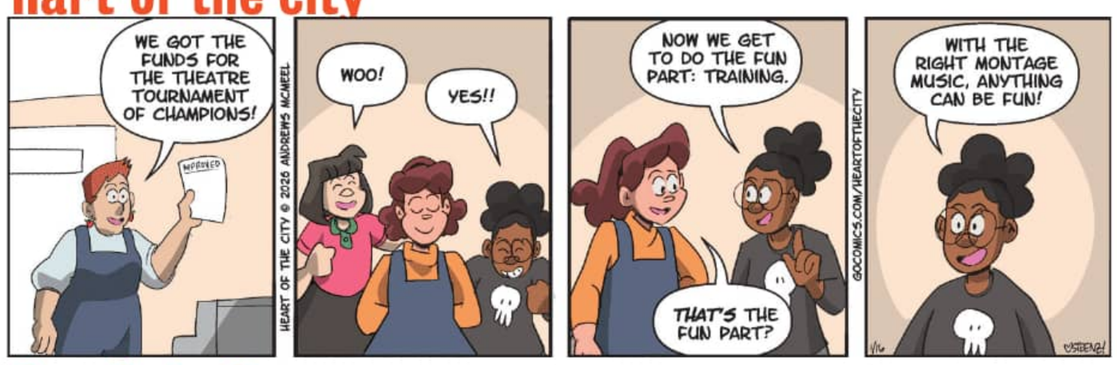


Hart of the city


WE GOT THE FUNDS FOR THE THEATRE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS!
WOO!
YES!!
NOW WE GET TO DO THE FUN PART: TRAINING.
THAT'S THE FUN PART?
WITH THE RIGHT MONTAGE MUSIC, ANYTHING CAN BE FUN!
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Crankshaft

I SHOULD HAVE SALTED THIS DRIVEWAY!
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT THAT NOW...
OH, NO?
I'M GOING TO SUE MYSELF FOR EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!
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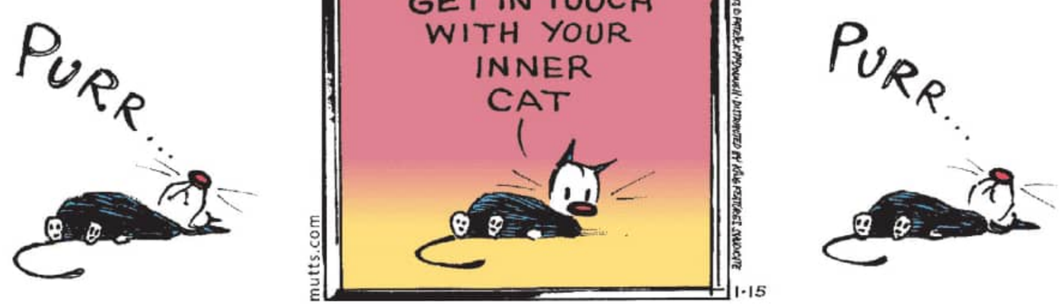

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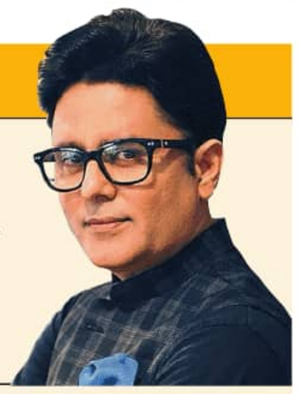

If it's your birthday today

Your birthday welcomes a year of vibrant ideas, warm relationships, and exciting journeys. Travel may connect with professional ambitions or spontaneous adventures. Love feels passionate, supportive, and sincere. Finances improve gradually through thoughtful planning. Domestic life offers laughter, comfort, creativity, and shared meals. Celebrate yourself today, then step toward opportunities, friendships.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

You may feel eager to please others today, Aries. Use this energy productively at work to pursue advancement. Enjoy a small indulgence in your routine, but maintain balance with exercise and responsible spending.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Motivation flows strongly today, Taurus. Focus on strengthening relationships with colleagues and family. Building these connections improves both workplace success and emotional well-being.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Express your authentic personality today, Gemini. Don't worry about others' judgments or expectations. Confidence in your uniqueness will help you attract supportive people.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Your energy feels powerful today, Cancer. Many aspects of life may align smoothly, giving you a sense of control and opportunity. Stay focused and act confidently toward your goals.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Despite moments of pessimism, things are unfolding positively today, Leo. Respect at work increases, finances remain stable, and your love life begins improving.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Today encourages experimentation, Virgo. Trying something unfamiliar may reveal hidden talents or interests. Embrace curiosity and discover more about yourself through new experiences.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Memories and nostalgia may occupy your thoughts today, Libra. Reconnecting with old friends or revisiting past opportunities could bring rewarding outcomes.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Flexibility becomes essential today, Scorpio. Be open to others' ideas and perspectives rather than insisting on your own way. Cooperation strengthens relationships.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Self-confidence may need attention today, Sagittarius. Meditation and reflection can help you reconnect with inner strength and feel more comfortable around others.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Progress may feel slower than expected today, Capricorn. Rather than feeling discouraged, remain patient and trust that your persistence will eventually bring results.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Your temper may feel stronger today, Aquarius. Choose your words carefully and avoid unnecessary conflicts by stepping back from demanding situations.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Health deserves your focus today, Pisces. Prioritise nutritious meals, exercise, and rest while financial improvements gradually begin appearing later in the day.

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BULL'S EYE

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QUOTE UNCODE

You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind.

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE

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GO FIGURE

Easy
2 - 3 + 2 + 6 = 7
Medium
9 + 3 - 9 - 1 = 2
Hard
9 + 7 - 3 + 3 = 16

LOOP

KAKURO

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Song controversy — Sanjay Dutt appears before NCW regarding the summons issued for 'Sarke Chunar' song with Nora Fatehi, actor issues an apology

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Ready for takeoff

The first take of Rudrakaala, starring Diganth, was held at Sri Bande Mahakali Temple on Wednesday. Acclaimed filmmaker Yogaraj Bhat sounded the clap-board for the muhurat shot, while director Raj Guru switched on the camera. Both directors extended their best wishes to the cast and crew. The film is directed by Gopi.

"It is my fourth movie as a director. I have already directed two Telugu movies and one Kannada movie. My fourth movie Rudrakaala is being made in Kannada and Telugu and it belongs to the family and thriller genre. Recently, Samantha, a well-known actress in Tamil and Telugu film industries, launched the title of this movie. My brother Ramesh wrote the script for Rudrakaala. Diganth will appear on the silver screen in a different avatar," said director Gopi.

He said that Hebah Patel, famed for Kannada movie Adyaksha, makes a comeback to Sandalwood after a gap of more than a decade.

Wearing many hats

Agastya from Bengaluru, who shouldered multiple responsibilities for the Kannada film Maarige Daari, has been busy securing certification from the Central Board of Film Certification. In addition to writing the script, screenplay, and dialogues, Agastya has also directed the film and played the lead role.

The project is backed by Radha Films, with Radha joining hands with Chetan Chandra and Satish Shetty to support the production.

Agastya expressed delight at the positive response to the film's teaser, which was unveiled on April 23.

He described Maarige Daari as a film that weaves together elements of cult appeal, classic storytelling, and deep emotion. "I cannot reveal more about the movie at this juncture. Many people, who have watched the teaser, are asking me when the movie will be released in theatres. I will come out with more details in future," he said.

Mahalakshmi plays the female lead. The movie also features Cockroach Sudhi, Bala Rajwadi and Benaka Nanjappa, among others.

Priyanka to be seen in 'Amri'

Priyanka Chopra is set to be part of Mira Nair's upcoming biographical drama 'Amri', based on the life of iconic painter Amrita Sher-Gil. The film, which has been generating quiet buzz, brings together art, history, and storytelling on a global canvas. While the makers have kept major details under wraps, it is understood that Chopra's role, though brief, plays a meaningful part in the narrative.

According to Mid-Day, reports suggest that 'Amri' will trace Sher-Gil's journey across Hungary, India, and France, capturing different phases of her life. "There was a specific part for which Mira had approached Priyanka last year, and she shot for it last week," a source revealed. The actor reportedly travelled from Hyderabad, where she was wrapping up 'Varanasi', to Amritsar to film her portions over two days. —ETimes

Dance is Rasha's favourite sport

Actress Rasha Thadani shares how dance shapes her fitness and mental well-being

Being Raveena Tandon's daughter comes with a legacy, especially in dance, but Rasha Thadani is carving out her own identity. Her track Uyi Amma, from her debut film Azaad, went viral. Ahead of International Dance Day (April 29), Rasha reflects on why dance, for her, is far more than just a performance. "It is a sport," she says. The actress believes that the idea of sport does not begin on a field, it begins with movement. "Dance is my favourite sport. It is entertaining and enjoyable," she says.

'My mom is unbeatable'

Speaking about the comparisons with her mother, Raveena, Rasha shares, "She is unbeatable. No matter how much I try, I will never be what she is." The actress, when asked to choose one of her favourite songs from Raveena's discography, says, "All her songs are nothing less than iconic. I love Ankhiyon Se Goli Maare; it is one of my favourites. Sometimes, I cheekily dance to it." And if she ever had to imagine a modern-day spin on it, she says, "I would like to dance with Yashvardhan (Govinda's son) as my on-screen partner."

'Fitness is also about mental well-being'

Talking about fitness, Rasha shares that her perspective evolved once she began working. She says, "I think I really understood the importance of fitness when I started working. It's not just about looking a certain way, but about feeling healthy and being the best version of yourself. The demands of shoots and performances made me realise that fitness is as much about mental well-being as it is about physical strength." —ETimes

Netizens spot Salman Khan lookalike

Film producer Sajid Nadiadwala's younger son, Sufyan Nadiadwala, became an unexpected internet sensation this week after a video of him being snapped in Mumbai surfaced online. The clip set off a wave of comparisons to Bollywood superstar Salman Khan.

The comment sections were flooded almost immediately. One user wrote, "He looks like the younger version of Salman Khan," while others took the comparison further with reactions like "90s Salman Khan." Impressed by his physique, another user quipped, "Genetics bhi Salman Khan jaise hi hain"—loosely meaning his genetics mirror Salman's too. Perhaps the most viral reaction of all read, "Looks more Salman Khan than bhai himself." —ETimes

Story behind Dwayne's tattoos

Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson is best known for his looks, his acting prowess on the big screen, and his bodybuilding. However, along with that, he is also best known for the ink that he has managed to get his body covered in over the years. In a recent social media post, the famed 'Jumanji' actor posted a throwback photo of one of his shoulder tattoos, recalling the experience and revealing that it took a lot of time and effort to get done.

"The art that is forever", that is how the famed actor remembered his memories of his beloved shoulder tattoo in a recent post. Recalling getting his 'Tatau', a sacred Polynesian tattooing tradition, the star

opened up about how every line means and represents something for him. Furthermore, he added, "Every symbol, every marking, tells a very personal story that's a reflection of my gratitude for my ancestors and my life's past, my inspired hope for life's future, and the most important part of my life's story - to live fully present, in the now." —ETimes